

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

In the Matter of  
Thomas E. Vukodinovich, D.D.S.  
License No. D9526

**ORDER FOR  
UNCONDITIONAL LICENSE**

The Minnesota Board of Dentistry ("Board"), met to review the petition of Thomas E. Vukodinovich, D.D.S. ("Licensee") for reinstatement of an unconditional license to practice dentistry in Minnesota.

**BACKGROUND**

1. Licensee and the Board's Complaint Committee ("Committee") entered into a stipulation and order which was approved by the Board on September 8, 2000, ("2000 Stipulation and Order") that placed conditions on Licensee's dental license. The 2000 Stipulation and Order was based on evidence that Licensee pled guilty to once count of tax evasion, engaged in improper billing practices, improperly prescribed medications for himself, failed to appropriate chart patients' periodontal condition, and failed to make or maintain adequate patient records.

2. Pursuant to paragraph D. of the 2000 Stipulation and Order, Licensee's license was placed in a conditional status.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Board makes the following findings of fact:

3. Pursuant to paragraph D of the 2000 Stipulation and Order, Licensee was required to do the following:

a. Paragraph D.1.a. required Licensee to successfully complete the ethics course taught at the University of Minnesota by Muriel Bebeau, Ph.D. Licensee completed the course and in December 2002 the Committee accepted the final report submitted by Dr. Bebeau on behalf of Licensee.

b. Paragraph D.1.b. required Licensee to successfully complete a minimum of six hours of recordkeeping course work. Licensee arranged for one-on-one instruction, which was approved by the Committee. Licensee and his entire staff attended the one-on-one session on recordkeeping.

c. Paragraph D.1.c. required Licensee to successfully complete a six-hour undergraduate or continuing dental education course in periodontics. Licensee completed a course taught by Robert Fazio at the Star of the North.

d. Paragraph D.2. required Licensee to submit a written report on what he learned in each course and changes he made to his practice. The reports were due within 30 days of completing each course. Licensee submitted the required reports which were reviewed and accepted by the Committee.

e. Paragraph D.2.b. required Licensee to submit to an announced recordkeeping inspection. Additionally, D.2.b. provide the Committee could request a canvas of pharmacies to obtain a profile of Licensee's prescribing practices. An announced recordkeeping inspection was conducted at Licensee's office on June 14, 2001, and a pharmacy canvas was initiated on June 12, 2001. The Committee reviewed and accepted the results of the inspection and survey of pharmacy records.

f. Paragraph D.3. required Licensee to pass the Minnesota Jurisprudence Examination with a score of at least 90%. Licensee took the examination on November 9, 2000, and obtained a score of 92 percent.

g. Paragraph D.4. required Licensee to pay \$2,000 to the Board as partial reimbursement of its costs in this matter. Licensee paid \$1,000 on January 16, 2001, and the remaining amount on December 30, 2002.

Based on the foregoing, the Board concludes that Licensee has complied with the 2000 Stipulation and Order issued by the Board on September 8, 2000 and hereby issues the following:

## ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that an UNCONDITIONAL LICENSE to practice dentistry in the State of Minnesota be conferred upon Licensee, such license to carry all duties, benefits, responsibilities, and privileges inherent therein through Minnesota statute and rule.

Dated: January 24, 2003

MINNESOTA BOARD  
OF DENTISTRY

By: Freeman Rosenblum, D.D.S.  
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